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INJECTION PRESSES FOR PLASTICS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application
in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that at least some of said
machine tools have a computer (11) in which said device (12) for radio communications is
installed.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that said wireless network and/or said hard-wired network (10; 50) is/are managed by a server (4).

8. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that peripheral devices (17) are connected to said network (10; 50), through a hard-wired connection (16; 53), by means of network boards (15) for transmission via cable.

9. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that peripheral devices (17) are connected to said hard-wired network (10, 50) through a radio link, by means of devices (12) for radio transmission.

10. (Amended) A system according to claim 4, characterized in that said server (4) has devices (32, 35) for connection to another local network (LAN) (30) or to a WAN external network (31).

12. (Amended) A system according to claim 10, characterized in that said device (35) for connection of the server (4) to another outside network (WAN) (31) is an analogical or digital modem (35).

13. (Amended) A system according to claim 10, characterized in that said device (35) for connection of the server (4) to another outside network (WAN) (31) is a router.

14. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that said network (10) is an Ethernet local network (LAN) of the linear type.

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15. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, characterized in that said network (50) is an Ethernet local network (LAN) of the star type with a hub distributor device (2).

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that at least some of said machine tools have a computer (11) in which said device (12) for radio communications is installed.

4. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that said wireless network and/or said hard-wired network (10; 50) is/are managed by a server (4).

8. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that peripheral devices (17) are connected to said network (10; 50), through a hard-wired connection (16; 53), by means of network boards (15) for transmission via cable.

9. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that peripheral devices (17) are connected to said hard-wired network (10, 50) through a radio link, by means of devices (12) for radio transmission.

10. (Amended) A system according to [any one of claims 4 to 9] claim 4, characterized in that said server (4) has devices (32, 35) for connection to another local network (LAN) (30) or to a WAN external network (31).

12. (Amended) A system according to claim 10 [or 11], characterized in that said device (35) for connection of the server (4) to another outside network (WAN) (31) is an analogical or digital modem (35).

13. (Amended) A system according to claim 10 [or 11], characterized in that said device (35) for connection of the server (4) to another outside network (WAN) (31) is a router.

14. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that said network (10) is an Ethernet local network (LAN) of the linear type.

15. (Amended) A system according to [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1, characterized in that said network (50) is an Ethernet local network (LAN) of the star type with a hub distributor device (2).